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ROSTOKER et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a request for a Continuation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior Application No. 08/970, 992, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed. Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examining the above-identified patent application.

In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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35. (new)

A method for plug-and-play compatibility between a first apparatus capable of digitally communicating with a first protocol through a first apparatus connector and a second apparatus capable of digitally communicating with a second protocol through a second apparatus connector, said method comprising:

determining a first communication protocol received at a first apparatus connector;

enabling a first protocol driver appropriate to said determined first protocol in a first protocol processor;